

REMARKS

Rejected claims 13-17 have been cancelled herein without prejudice.

Allowance of claims 5, 7, 9, 10 and clarification of allowance of claim 12 by telephone messages exchanged on February 26-27, 2004 with Examiner Comstock, are noted with appreciation.

Favorable consideration and early Notice of Allowance are solicited.

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